

West Virginia University  
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association  
Assembly Proclamation: AP-2025-04-05  
**AN ASSEMBLY PROCLAMATION TO PROMOTE OFF CAMPUS  
HOUSING RESOURCES**

**Short Title:** Promoting Off Campus Housing Resources

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**Committee Endorsement:** Student Life Committee

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**Presidential Signature:** 

**Whereas**, the WVU SGA Mission Statement reads: “We, the students of West Virginia University, desire to preserve within our University and the Student Government Association, an atmosphere that helps to foster an open exchange of ideas with civil discussion, inquiry, and self-expression”, and,

**Whereas**, there is a common misconception that students should sign a lease early in the Fall semester to ensure they secure housing for the following year<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>[Five things to know before signing a lease | WVU News | thedaonline.com](#)

**Whereas**, in an interview with the Daily Athenaeum, Patrick Brooks, a managing attorney at WVU Student Legal Services, brings up the common misconception that students should sign a lease early in the Fall semester, and says, “There are more rental units than there are students to rent them,” and, “We have students who don’t even realize that they’re coming to [WVU] until early summer and they still find a place before fall,”<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas**, in an interview with the Daily Athenaeum, Gary Furbee, the head of University Apartments, said that there were 36 bedrooms available across all university-owned apartment buildings as late as April 2023, and the leases filled up quicker than usual that year<sup>3</sup>, meaning that contrary to popular belief there are often units available at the places that students want, even as late as January or February and,

**Whereas**, the Off Campus Housing Department at WVU has resources on their website that can help students in any situation they are in, like finding a place to live that fits their needs, getting them out of a bad lease, and more, and,

***Therefore, be it proclaimed by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:***

**Section 1:** WVU SGA supports the Off Campus Housing Resources - Housing Search, Sublet/Re-Let Listings, Housing Fairs, and Off Campus Housing email address (och@mail.wvu.edu).

**Section 2:** Upon passage and approval, this legislation shall be forwarded to:

**Mandates:**

G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students  
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)  
University President Gordon E. Gee  
Daily Athenaeum  
Charlie Long, Student Body President  
Abigail Browning, Student Body Vice President

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<sup>2</sup>[Five things to know before signing a lease | WVU News | thedaonline.com](#)

<sup>3</sup>[WVU raises apartment rates for second year | WVU News | thedaonline.com](#)

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Skylar Braithwaite, Off-Campus Housing Office  
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